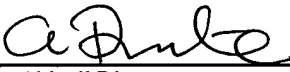


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This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed within the period specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Specifically, before mailing of a first Office Action.

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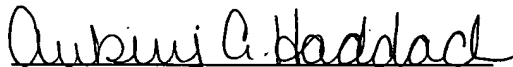
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